

Committee or the members of the Transportation Committee, either one, to belabor the point that we want to see 841 move forward. We think that there does definitely need to be some language that gets this thing finished, moves it to completion. I think we're in agreement on that. I think what we're not on agreement on is whether indeed we need to change the completion date to 1995 or 1997. I think Senator Bernard-Stevens made a point, that if I were in his position I probably would make, too. Let's defeat the committee amendments and then we can make whatever changes, adding it back in on Select File. I would prefer to think conversely of that and think that we can move the committee amendments forward, if we need to change the reporting date between now and Select File that we can do that, and I think it's the position of the Transportation Committee that that's what we would like to do. The members of the body can make up their mind one way or the other on whether we're imposing an undue hardship on the counties by moving the mandatory date forward or not. And I think the Transportation Committee's feeling is that we would like a vote up or down relative to that. If there is any negotiating, we'll do the negotiating between now and Select File relative to what that date shall be. So at this point, I think we will stand by the committee amendments, urge your adoption of the committee amendments and then support LB 841 as presented by the Appropriations Committee.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Byars. Senator Hohenstein.

SENATOR HENSTEIN: Just very briefly, Madam Chair, members of the body, I think that I agree with Senator Byars although I disagree with the approach. I talked to the committee counsel and I think that the reporting dates would be September of '93 and then January of '94 and again in March. I think that we could defeat the committee amendments, come up with an approach which would continue the reporting requirements even on those same dates or earlier, but also put in some language in that reporting requirement which would clearly indicate to the body whether, in fact, this project had moved far enough ahead so that by January of 1994 we would know whether, in fact, January of 1995 is a reasonable date. If you move it back today to 1997, you have taken off some of the pressure to get this thing moving and, frankly, this project ought to move ahead and it ought to move ahead with some dispatch. I'm not as concerned about...as concerned as Senator Pedersen about the delay because that's what we've had. I mean, enough delay, let's move this